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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,
vs.

JAKE RYAN,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:16-CR-00051-BR-26

**DECLARATION OF JESSE
MERRITHEW IN SUPPORT OF
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO
WITHDRAW AND ALLOW SELF-
REPRESENTATION**

The undersigned, Jesse Merrithew, appointed counsel for the defendant herein, hereby swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. I am the attorney of record for the above-named defendant. I make this declaration in support of his concurrently filed *Motion to Withdraw and Allow Self-Representation*.
2. A sentencing hearing, presumably the final hearing in district court on this matter, is scheduled for tomorrow, January 24, 2018.
3. Mr. Ryan contacted me by phone yesterday evening. He requested that I withdraw

from his case and he be allowed to represent himself in any further proceedings.

4. I made the CJA Panel office aware of Mr. Ryan's request.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2018

By: /s Jesse Merrithew
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